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Title: METHOD OF EMBEDDING DIGITAL  
WATERMARK, STORAGE MEDIUM IN WHICH  
THE METHOD IS STORED, METHOD OF  
IDENTIFYING EMBEDDED DIGITAL  
WATERMARK, AND APPARATUS FOR  
EMBEDDING DIGITAL WATERMARK

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**AMENDMENT A**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated in the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.